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When might you get a COVID-19 vaccine?

Shortages, fast-changing eligibility and a lack of clarity as to when and where people can go for their COVID-19 shot has led to confusion about the vaccination rollout. After the state announced last week vaccinations would soon be available to K-12 educators, early child care providers and those 65 and older, Oregon officials learned of a federal shortage that forced them to change the guidelines. To help, the *East Oregonian* wanted to provide the most recent information available and resources to find out more regarding when and where COVID-19 vaccinations are available.

Phase 1a (Currently being distributed and will continue through January and February)

<p>Group 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitals Urgent care Skilled nursing and memory care facility health care providers and residents Emergency medical service providers and other first responders Tribal health programs 	<p>Group 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other long-term care facilities and congregate care facilities and congregate care sites, including health care providers and residents Personnel of group homes for children or adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities Hospice programs Individuals working in a correctional setting Mobile crisis care, and related services
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Group 3

- Outpatient settings serving specific high-risk groups
- In-home care
- Day treatment services
- Nonemergency medical transport

Group 4

- Health care personnel working in other outpatient and public health settings

Phase 1b and 1c (Projected to be distributed February through April)

- Child care providers, early learning and K-12 educators and staff are eligible for vaccination starting Jan. 25.
- Essential Workers (Tier 1-6 has not been identified at this point.)
- High risk populations
- Older age groups eligible for vaccination are as follows:
 - Over 80 eligible on Feb. 8
 - Over 75 eligibility date to be determined
 - Over 70 eligibility date to be determined
 - Over 65 eligibility date to be determined

Phase 2a and 2b (Projected to be distributed May through August)

- Critical populations
- General populations

Phase 3 (Projected to be distributed August through December)

- Continuation of previous phases

Eligibility

Want to know when you're eligible for a vaccine? You can use a vaccination eligibility tool on the Oregon Health Authority website: covidvaccine.oregon.gov; sign up with your county health department for notifications or talk to your care provider. If you still have questions about where and when you can be vaccinated, call 211.

About the vaccines

Currently, two vaccines are authorized and recommended for use, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

<p>Pfizer-BioNTech</p> <p>Type: mRNA</p> <p>Doses: Two, 21 days apart</p> <p>Effectiveness: 95%</p>	<p>Moderna</p> <p>Type: mRNA</p> <p>Doses: Two, 28 days apart</p> <p>Effectiveness: 94.1%</p>
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For more information on COVID-19 in Oregon, go to: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

Source: Oregon Health Authority
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PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

Pres. Biden: 'Democracy has prevailed'

Joe Biden takes the helm as 46th president of the United States

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, ZEKE MILLER and ALEXANDRA JAFFE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Joe Biden was sworn in as the 46th president of the United States on Wednesday, Jan. 20, declaring that “democracy has prevailed” and summoning American resilience and unity to confront the deeply divided nation’s historic confluence of crises. Biden took the oath at a U.S. Capitol that had been battered by an insurrectionist siege just two weeks earlier. On a cold Washington morning dotted with snow flurries, the quadrennial ceremony unfolded within a circle of security forces evocative of a war zone and devoid of crowds because of the coronavirus pandemic. Instead, Biden gazed out over 200,000 American flags planted on the National Mall to symbolize those who could not attend in person. “The will of the people has been heard, and the will of the people has been heeded. We’ve learned again that democracy is precious and

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Pendleton police arrest man on kratom

Side effects of kratom include seizures and hallucinations

By BRYCE DOLE
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PENDLETON — Police arrested a man on Monday, Jan. 18, who was suffering from an “apparent psychosis” officers say was most likely brought on by the substance kratom, as he caused a public disturbance and later leapt through a second-story closed window before he was arrested, according to a press release. At around 7:30 p.m., Pendleton police received multiple reports of a public disturbance from residents on the 700 block of Southwest First Street. Upon arriving, police found Daniel P. Kemp, 37, who police described as agitated, screaming, removing his clothing, going into neighboring residences, destroying property and running in and out of his home, the press release said. Officers attempted to de-escalate the situation. But Kemp fled inside a building, ran to the second story, jumped through a closed window and landed on the ground outside, according to the press release. Officers went outside and found Kemp covered in blood. Paramedics had already been requested to the scene because of Kemp’s condition, according to the press release.

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County to receive 1,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine

Umatilla County Public Health plans event in Pendleton for Friday, Jan. 22

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PENDLETON — Umatilla County Public Health has received approximately 1,000 doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and will be holding a drive-thru event on Friday, Jan. 22, at the Pendleton Convention Center to immunize a group specified by the Oregon Health Authority. Those eligible to receive the vaccine at the Jan. 22 event include traditional health care workers who provide in-person services, long-term care facilities that were not covered by the Federal Pharmacy Partnership, home health providers, people with intellectual and

developmental disabilities and their caregivers, and other congregate care facilities in Phase 1a. The health department said the allocation is not for individuals in other Phase 1a or 1b groups, including school-teachers and people over the age of 65. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., according to the press release. The health department added that it is prepared to hold weekly clinics “pending vaccine allocation” from the state. The new shipment comes as county health officials learned on Wednesday, Jan. 20, the state would be send-



Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian
A bottle of the COVID-19 vaccine sits on the counter at Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center in Mission on Dec. 18, 2020.



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